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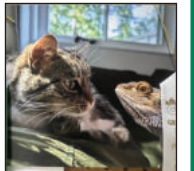


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City Council Candidate Bios

The News Review has received biographies from Frankie Fritz and Kevin Lockhart and incumbents Emmett Jordan and Kristen Weaver. Candidate biographies are prepared by the candidates and published in the order they are received by the paper.

Frankie Fritz

Frankie Santos Fritz is a community organizer and policy analyst for local government who has called the D.C. metro area home since moving here for college in 2013 and has been active in Maryland politics since 2017. Raised by paternal grandparents, a teaching assistant and a United States postal worker, in a union household, Fritz is a first-generation college student with a bachelor's degree in history and minor in sustainability from George Washington University. A Filipino-American, if elected Fritz would be Greenbelt's first city council member of Asian descent.

Fritz is running to prioritize improving our quality of life

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PHOTO COURTESY FRANKIE FRITZ

Frankie Fritz

Emmett Jordan

Emmett V. Jordan has served on Greenbelt's City Council since 2009, completing five terms as mayor. He is both the city's first African-American councilmember and its first African-American mayor. Since joining council, Jordan has promoted values of unity, cooperation and sustainability in city life.

Raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, and a Greenbelt resident for 25 years, Jordan moved to the area for a position with the University of Maryland. He holds a bachelor's degree in urban administration from the University of Cincinnati and completed graduate coursework at Seton Hall University. He is also a graduate of the fellowship program at the

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PHOTO BY ERIC KRUSZEWSKI

Emmett Jordan

Kristen Weaver

Kristen Weaver is proud to have served on the city council as mayor pro tem since 2021. Beginning amid the pandemic, she immediately saw the importance of bringing together the strengths of the community, and ways that city leadership can guide and support efforts larger than individuals alone, such as the innovative programs funded by the American Rescue Plan Act.

Weaver was born in Greeley, Colo., earned a B.S. in computer science and psychology, a teaching certificate and an M.A. in education, all from the University of Denver. She moved to Maryland in 2007 after reconnecting with her now-husband A.J. Stephens, a childhood friend. She previously taught middle school

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PHOTO COURTESY KRISTEN WEAVER

Kristen Weaver

Kevin Lockhart (Coach K)

Born in the Bronx, N.Y., Kevin Lockhart, Coach K, is a passionate and loving father, mentor and coach who has devoted his life to serving others. A Greenbelt resident for the past 18 years, he has balanced the challenges of being a single father to his son, Dontay, with his deep commitment to giving back to the community.

Before settling in Greenbelt, Coach K worked in the New York City Health and Hospital Corporation for 10 years. In 1991, he joined the U.S. Army National Guard, where he served as a hospital dietary specialist. His assignments included Fort Jackson, S. C., Fort Sam Houston, Texas,

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PHOTO COURTESY KEVIN LOCKHART

Kevin Lockhart (Coach K)

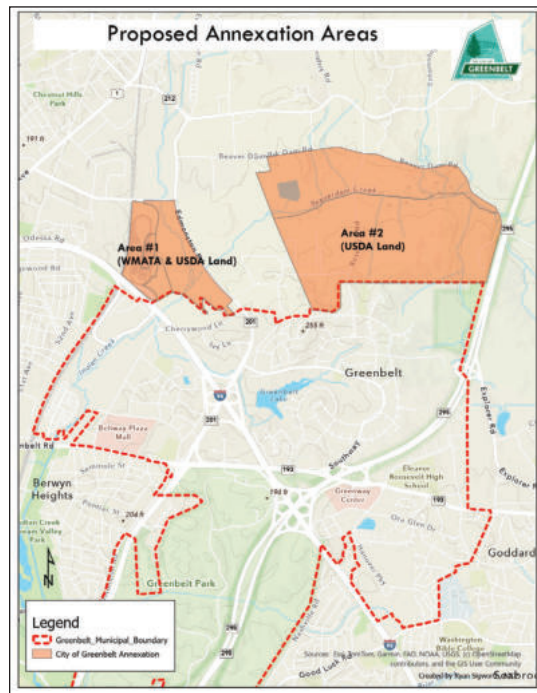
Council Advances Potential Plans For Annexation of Federal Land

by Stephen Lotz

On September 24, Greenbelt City Council took its first concrete step toward a potential annexation of portions of large, neighboring federal properties, approving funds and survey work that supporters say will help the city protect green space and gain leverage if the land's status ever changes. The ordinance for a \$70,000 supplemental appropriation to the general fund to cover survey costs and legal fees was introduced for both first and, via a suspension of the rules, second reading at the meeting, and passed 6 to 1.

Survey Work and Target Areas

The supplemental appropriation authorized hiring Charles P. Johnson & Associates to map legal bound-



Greenbelt's municipal boundary and proposed annexation areas

aries, known as metes and bounds, for two target areas contiguous to the city's boundaries, tied largely to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). Those areas, referred to as Area 1 and Area 2, cover land near the WMATA rail yard and within portions of BARC, and are part of roughly 2,215 acres under discussion across three potential annexation zones. A third area, focused more heavily on Goddard Space Flight Center property, was set aside for now.

The survey work for the two areas of BARC will generate the legal descriptions and

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Ranked Choice Proposition Now on November City Ballot

by Ashna Balroop

This November, Greenbelters will cast their votes to decide whether ranked choice voting – the process of ranking candidates based on preference – will be adopted for future city elections.

Over the summer, Maryland has seen “incredible momentum,” when it comes to ranked choice voting, according to the advocacy group FairVote. City councils in Rockville and Annapolis have held recent hearings on the issue and could join Greenbelt in putting ranked choice before their voters.

Greenbelt's current election system, known as plurality voting, allows voters to select up to seven candidates for city council without having to make any distinction in terms of their preferences.

Under the current system, vot-

ers will sometimes exclude their less-preferred candidates on the ballot to “bullet vote” in order to give an advantage to their favorite candidate. Under ranked choice voting, more emphasis is placed on ordering the candidates based on preference. Such preference is important in Greenbelt, where traditionally the highest vote-getter becomes mayor.

Nicole Shyong, City of Greenbelt Elections Board member, shared the wording of the question that will appear on voters' ballots.

“Do you approve of the City

using Ranked Choice Voting for all City Council Member elections and amending the City Charter's forty percent (40 percent) threshold criteria (Sec 31)?”

Currently candidates must reach a 40 percent threshold, a number set by the city to make sure they have broad support, says Shyong. Under ranked choice voting, the threshold to be elected is dependent on the number of available seats. Since there are seven seats on council the threshold will become

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Questions Posed to Candidates

Prior to city council elections, the News Review poses questions to the candidates and publishes their responses. Starting this week, we will publish a question weekly and request that candidates send their 150-word maximum responses (per question) to us by the following Monday at 6 p.m.

Thus, the responses to the question we ask this week, Question 1, will be published Thursday, October 9, when Question 2 will be asked. Responses to Question 2 will be published October 16, when Question 3 will be posed; Question 3 responses will be published October 23.

Question 1: What is the most important thing the city council needs to accomplish in the upcoming term? How would you accomplish it and how would you pay for it? Candidates are asked to submit their answers to the News Review by 6 p.m. on Monday, October 6, by email to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

In addition, on Thursday, October 9, the Greenbelt News Review, in conjunction with Greenbelt Access Television, will pose questions to council candidates in person at a forum from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Greenbelt Firehouse. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. (see page 7).

What Goes On

Monday, October 6

7:30 p.m., City Council Worksession: Rent Stabilization Update and Presentation, Municipal Building
Wednesday, October 8
7:30 p.m., Council Meet and Greet, Location TBD

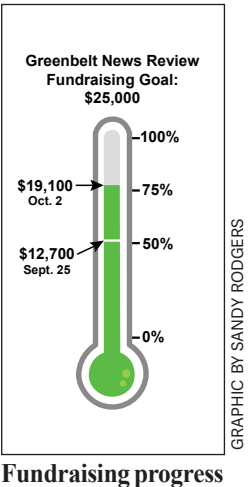
See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for more information.

Magnets and Mugs and Totes: Thank-you Gifts Are Ready

Thanks to those who have donated to the News Review and have come by to receive their thank-you gifts. And especial thanks to those who came by our office to make new donations. Although a couple of people said they are mug-motivated or tote-tempted, most expressed their strong support for the paper and their desire for us to continue publishing. Huge thank yous to all.

The office in the Community Center, Suite 100, will also be open this Sunday, October 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and next Monday and Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. for donors to pick up their thank-you gifts.

All are welcome to come by, make a donation and receive a gift. Car magnets are available for any gift of \$10 or more. For a donation of \$52, you also have your choice of a mug or tote bag (these bags are great for the Farmers Market, we're told). And for a \$120 donation, you could receive all three items.



Letters to the Editor

Senior Lounge Furniture

A few months ago I, Carol, injured myself when I got up from a comfortable deep couch in the Senior Lounge in the Community Center. When I attempted to rise from the couch, I had to pile books on a table to build height to raise myself on my left arm. I succeeded in getting up from the couch, but I hurt my arm.

The bruise/scrape on my arm was not so bad, but everyone heard about it. So then staff removed the unsafe deep couch and the large stuffed chair and filled a central circular location with ten black office chairs.

We thank the staff for their careful maintenance of the beautiful Community Center and for their trying to keep us safe by offering sturdy furniture. But staff did not consult seniors about desired furniture. The office chairs are water and soil repellent and easy to rise from by using the (icy cold) chrome arm rest.

Where is the colorful room and a feel of a luxurious comfortable seat of welcome? Office chairs just do not offer that, resulting in little Lounge use.

The Senior Citizens Advisory Committee has a mandate to advise on senior issues but was not consulted about the furnishings. Now this Committee might suggest saving a few office chairs while removing most of them. This done, there will be space for a firm soft couch (easy to get up from) and for several lounge-type chairs that are not only firm but are also comfortable, colorful and warmly inviting.

Our goal is to offer an invitation to hang out to seniors and to their friends. The soft colorful rug is a plus. The TV has always been useful. We recently got back the microwave, which is good for delicious tea for ourselves and for our friends, no matter their age.

Our opinions are expressed in this letter. We look forward to

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SHOWTIMES:
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Taylor Swift: The Official Release Party of a Showgirl (NR) (2025) (89 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 5:30 PM, 7:50 PM
Sat. 5:10 PM, 7:30 PM
Sun. 12:15 PM, 2:40 PM, 5:00 PM

The Baltimorons (R) (CC) (DVS) (2025) (100 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Mon. 4:00 PM (OC), 6:20 PM
Tues. 7:00 PM
Thurs. 5:45 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 8:00 PM
Sat. 8:00 PM
Sun. 3:40 PM
Wed. 7:30 PM

Eleanor the Great (PG-13) (CC) (DVS) (2025) (98 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Wed. 7:15 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 5:45 PM
Sat. 5:40 PM
Sun. 1:15 PM
Mon. 3:45 PM, 6:10 PM
Tues. 7:15 PM
Thurs. 7:45 PM

The Man Who Knew Too Much (PG) (1956) (120 mins)
Free Cinema Classic
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Mon. 1:00 PM
Thurs. 8:00 PM

Coming soon to a tree near you...

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They're back and they are seeing red!



Letters Policy During City Elections

The News Review reserves the right not to publish any letter submitted. Letters are considered accepted when published.

All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider withholding the name upon request.

All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, privacy, taste, copyright and clarity.

In an election year, the News Review will not print a letter raising a new issue the week prior to election day, when no other party would have a chance to respond.

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Obituaries



volunteering more ideas for the Senior Lounge.

*Wynell McClurg
Crystal Nelson
John Mills
Linda Martin
Carol Nezzo
Andrea Jones*

[NOTE: These are individual seniors expressing their own ideas, not the committee.]

Theater Marquee

I'm a member of the Greenbelt Cinema and have learned to trust Dr. McGrath's judgment on movies that I otherwise would not have seen ... keep it up. I've also watched her and the crew climbing the ladder to change the sign. The present system is absurdly unsafe and if we must change the "snap in" sign, digital is probably inevitable.

That said, I agree with the three people who signed the letter raising the issue. I want the original look and feel (and light levels) to remain. Dr. McGrath says the new marquee can "mimic exactly the typeface, color and lighting levels" of the existing sign. Assuming that this is an LED or plasma sign, I suggest the following:

First, NASA Goddard, which among other things knows how to precisely measure light levels,

City Notes

Environmental/Sustainability hosted the annual electric vehicle event. Public Safety/Community attended Kids-vs.-Cops Basketball at Springhill Lake Recreation Center and the county's Public Safety Officials Security Summit. Many city employees received Narcan training.

Planning and Community Development issued 11 permits and Code Enforcement inspected 15 rentals. Planning attended the county's Municipal Planners Open House.

Animal Shelter residents are five cats, six kittens and two dogs after one cat adoption. Of 55 spay/neuter vouchers issued, 34 have been redeemed. Twenty dog park permits are active.

Public Works repainted parking spaces and Horticulture/Parks removed a large red oak in Boxwood. Indoor pool renovation continues, with staff installing deck grates and lane lines.

Therapeutic Recreation took seniors to Riversdale House and hosted the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Open Forum.

Park Rangers facilitated numerous community events and, on patrol, provided first aid at Buddy Attick Park. CARES staff met with parents at a Springhill Lake Elementary School information event.

Spellman Overpass Sign-waving Fridays

Everyone is invited by Indivisible of the Route 1 Corridor and by other Greenbelters to show up at the Spellman Overpass on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway every Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. (Walk east on Gardenway from Ridge Road.)

Assert the importance of U.S. democracy, the rule of law and our belief that NO kings are welcome. Bring generous goodwill, noisemakers, signs and banners.

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is next door and many Goddard employees live in GHI. One of our Goddard neighbors should be asked to volunteer time to measure the daytime and evening light levels of the existing sign for both the white background, the black letters and the sign as a whole. Those numbers should be incorporated into the sign requirements.

Second, consistent with the existing sign, the new sign should have a white background and the letters should be only in black and in one font and one font size.

Third, the entire display should be static, no annoying "rolling to the next screen every 30 seconds," no changes in the traditional nature of the existing sign.

And then we can have a party and auction off the ladder. I'll leave it to Dr. McGrath to select the best "falling off the ladder" movie to show at the opening.

David Miller

ERHS Holds Fall Concert

The school year is well underway at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) and to welcome the fall season, the music department is extending an invitation for everyone to join them for a free fall concert, held in the school's auditorium on Thursday, October 23 at 7 p.m. The concert will feature music by the ERHS Band and Choir. Their Annual Fresh Fruit Fundraiser is returning. Keep up with ERHS music happenings on Instagram at [erhs_bands](#) & [raiders_rhapsody](#).

Pridemore Peter Fleming

Former Greenbelt Resident Pridemore Peter "Pete" Fleming died on September 24, 2025, in Stafford, Va. Fleming was born and raised in Clintwood, Va.

Fleming and his wife Renedia and their two daughters moved to 34 Court Ridge Road in Greenbelt. He worked for and eventually retired from the Washington Post.

A lifelong fan of the Washington football team (who will always be known by their previous name in the Fleming household), he also enjoyed playing golf and participating in the Greenbelt Labor Day Horseshoe Tournament. He also acted as an assistant coach for his daughters' Greenbelt Youth Softball Team. Many knew him as the guy with the cool 1968 Pontiac GTO.



Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

Fleming is survived by his wife, Renedia Rose Fleming; daughters Patsy Lois Phillips and Bettie Susan Rowe; granddaughters Amber Taylor Slack and Renedia Rose Rowe; and great-grandson Peyton Reed Slack. Fleming acted as a mentor to many and a second father to Floy Boswell and Michelle Marcellino-Jones and will be remembered with love by them all.

A memorial service will be held at the Covenant Funeral Service - Stafford, 1310 Courthouse Road, Stafford, Va., on Wednesday, October 8 at 1 p.m.



Paul Remenick

A celebration of the life of Paul Remenick will be held at the Greenbelt American Legion on Sunday, October 12 at 2 p.m. Paul's friends and customers are invited. A buffet will be provided. You are invited to bring a dessert to share if you would like.

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The Bible Says...

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Exodus 20:12

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October 5, 2025, at 3 p.m.
Cancer Rising
Anthony Jenkins with Worship Associate Sue Bollens

In the spirit of our October theme (People of the Heart), we'll shine some contemplative light on the communal experience of having cancer. Together we'll explore the ways in which people make meaning of their personal cancer journey – as well as the challenges, lessons, revelations, and opportunities that often arise in the hearts of their supporting community.

Streaming on PBUUC's Facebook page, on Zoom, and in person. Worship service held at University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

Be sure to check out the City calendar for all up to date events at www.greenbeltnmd.gov/calendar.



MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER 6-10

Monday, October 6 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - RENT STABILIZATION UPDATE AND PRESENTATION**

Tuesday, October 7 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES**. *On the Agenda: Discussion on wording for the Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Tree Plaque*

Tuesday, October 7 at 7 pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD**. *On the Agenda: Review of Council Worksession and Studio Open House, Q&A for Prospective Board Members*

Tuesday, October 7 at 7 pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**. *On the Agenda: Update on PSAC's Recommendations for Dept General Orders, PSAC Community Fall Presentations, Review of Annual Community Policing Reports, General Orders 304 Light Duty and 414 Promotions*

Wednesday, October 8 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - COUNCIL MEET AND GREET**

In advance, the hearing impaired are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltnmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltnmd.gov/calendar.

SENIOR TECH CAFE

Sundays - October 26, November 23 from 1-3 pm
Greenbelt Community Center, Room 109, 15 Crescent Road

Whether you're new to computers, iPhone, Android or just need a little guidance, we will do our very best to help! Don't miss this opportunity to have your questions answered. We look forward to helping you get started!

Note: We are not a "Genius Bar" and do not fix devices, but we're more than happy help you learn how to make the most of your technology.

FREE. Drop-in, first come first serve, no registration required, bring a friend!

Contact Priya Gardner Lemieux at pgardner@greenbeltnmd.gov | (240) 542-2056.

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For adults 60+. FREE. In-Person, Mondays, 11am-12:30pm
Greenbelt Community Center, Ground Floor East, 15 Crescent Rd

- October 6.** Managing Online Privacy
- Register: bgarcia@greenbeltnmd.gov | (202) 670-6497.

UPCOMING NATURE EVENTS

Gardening Get Togethers. Every Wednesday through October, 10am-12pm. *Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent.* Join City Staff and Community Members as we work to maintain the Pollinator Gardens at Buddy Attick Park! Activities will include mulching, weeding, and planting native perennial species. [Sign-up](#) here.

Fall Planting Volunteer Event. Saturday, October 11, 10am-1pm. *Path between 4 & 6 Courts Ridge Road.* Join a community effort to restore native plant species to our environment. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff and Park Rangers to plant native trees and shrubs in Greenbelt's understory. [Sign-up](#) here.

Questions & comments to kdriscoll@greenbeltnmd.gov or (240) 542-2168.

PINK PANTRY

The Pink Pantry provides free menstrual products to Greenbelt residents, including pads, tampons, and wipes from trusted brands like Cora, Always, Rael, HoneyPot, and more!

To receive these products, register by contacting Brendy Garcia at (202) 670-6497 or bgarcia@greenbeltnmd.gov.

CURRENT GAIL PROGRAMS

CARES is happy to provide the following programs **FREE** of charge. For more information, email Brendy Maddox at bgarcia@greenbeltnmd.gov or (202) 670-6497.

- OPEN COMPUTER LAB FOR ADULTS** 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Weekly sign-up required.
- DEMENTIA WEBINARS** 10/9, 10/23, 11/6, 11/13 at 7 pm on Zoom.
- FREE MONTHLY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION.** Greenbelt Residents Only. First time participants must provide proof of residency, state-issued ID, birth certificate (or copy) for each child.
- AGING SOLO.** Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 from 1-2:30pm on Zoom. Learn to set priorities, build your support network, and put your plans into action.

GPD COMMUNITY MEETING

Wednesday, October 9, 6:30pm-8pm. Community Center Room 109

The Greenbelt Police Department invites you to join a community meeting to discuss trends and prevention.

POOCH PLUNGE IS BACK!

Pooch Plunge will be held at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center (outdoor pool) located at 101 Centerway Greenbelt, MD on Saturday October 4, 2025, from 12:00pm-2:00pm. (We are only having one session this year due to time for advertising.)

- Entry is \$10 per dog and must be exact cash only.
- One dog per handler and handlers must be 18 yrs or older.
- Must have proof of current rabies vaccination to enter and tags are not sufficient.
- 50 dogs max for the session and it's first come, first serve.
- No handlers in pool, swimming with dogs is not allowed.

FEATURED PET - NEMO

Ready for Adoption? Call (301) 474-6124.

One-year-old Nemo was found as a stray, so we don't know much about his life before coming to the shelter. Much like his clownfish counterpart in the movie Finding Nemo, he can be a bit shy and nervous at first, but is becoming more and more brave every day. Once he gets comfortable around you, he transforms into a silly, excited puppy, so his future adopters should continue his manners training like "4 On the Floor" and taking treats gently. Nemo is potty trained, a great leash-walker, and non-reactive to other dogs! **Due to PG county breed restriction laws, Nemo will need to be adopted to a home outside of the county.**

If you're interested in adopting nifty Nemo, call us at (301) 474-6124 or email animalservices@greenbeltnmd.gov!



GREENBELT ELECTION INFORMATION

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION DATES & DEADLINES: 2025 CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

First day to receive papers and file nomination petition	8/18
Last day to file nomination petition (by 5pm)	9/22
Date of drawing for placement on ballot – 7pm	9/22
First Interim Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Report (by 12pm)	9/26
First day to send out mail-in ballots	10/3
Last day to register to vote (must be received by 4:30pm Upper Marlboro)	10/6
Second Interim Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Report (by 12pm)	10/24
Early Voting begins .	11/1-11/2
Training session for Election Judges and Clerks	11/3
Election 7am-8pm	11/4
Mail-in ballots must be received by 6pm	11/4
Final Contributions & Expenditures Report (12pm)	11/7
Charter Meeting for swearing-in at 7:30pm	11/10

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at (301) 474-8000 or e-mail banderson@greenbeltnmd.gov.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION VOTER REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Great News: Non-Citizen Residents Can Vote in the 2025 Greenbelt City Council Election by Registering with the City Clerk!

Greenbelt residents are reminded that to participate in the 2025 City Council election - whether as a voter, a candidate for City Council, or a signer of a petition for a candidate - you must be registered to vote. U.S. citizens must be qualified and registered to vote in Prince George's County. Non-citizen residents of Greenbelt may also participate by registering to vote with the City Clerk or by accessing the non-citizen voter registration forms available on the City's website.

To register, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States of America or Non-citizen of Greenbelt
- Be at least 16 years of age
- Be domiciled within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt as of the date of registration
- Have completed any court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, parole, or probation if convicted of a felony
- Not be under guardianship for mental disability

For information about registering to vote in Prince George's County, contact the County Board of Elections at (301) 430-8020 or visit www.elections.state.md.us. Forms for voter registration for non-citizens are available on the city website, Voter Registration | Greenbelt, MD.

All registration forms must be submitted by the deadlines: citizen voter forms to the Prince George's County Board of Elections in Upper Marlboro by 4:30 pm on Monday, October 6, and non-citizen voter forms to the Greenbelt City Clerk's Office by 4:30 pm on Wednesday, October 15.

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson, City Clerk by phone at (301) 474-8000 or elections@greenbeltnmd.gov.

*If you are already registered to vote in Prince George's County but have moved or changed your name since the last election, you must complete an application to have this information changed. **This can also be done online at www.elections.state.md.us.*

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION ELECTIONS CLERKS NEEDED

The City of Greenbelt Board of Elections is seeking several residents who would be willing to serve as election officials on November 4, 2025, from 6 am until about 9 pm. Clerks must also attend a training session on November 3 from 7 pm until about 9 pm.

This is a rewarding experience for anyone who is interested in the political process and would like to play an active role in the local election. There is a stipend of \$175 plus a training fee of \$25.

There may also be a need for additional clerks to count mail-in and early voting ballots. This job would entail working for three to four hours in the late afternoon/early evening of November 4. No preliminary training is necessary. The pay for mail-in and early voting ballot clerks is \$50.

Application forms are available at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road and on the City website www.greenbeltnmd.gov. The deadline to apply is September 30, 2025. For further information, call or e-mail Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at (301) 474-8000 or elections@greenbeltnmd.gov.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION ANY REGISTERED GREENBELT RESIDENT MAY CHOOSE TO VOTE BY MAIL-IN

VOTING BY MAIL: Any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by MAIL-IN BALLOT.

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS WILL RECEIVE IN THE MAIL AN APPLICATION TO VOTE BY MAIL-IN BALLOT. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO VOTE BY MAIL, YOU MAY DISREGARD THE APPLICATION. YOU MAY VOTE AT ANY POLLING LOCATION ON ELECTION DAY.

Military service members, their families, and other U.S. citizens abroad who are covered under the **Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act** may also use the Federal Post Card Application (<http://www.fvap.gov>) to request an absentee ballot for City election.

Applications to receive mail-in ballot must be received by noon on Monday, November 3, 2025. We encourage you to return your application (by mail or in-person) as soon as possible.

Return your executed mail-in ballot by

- Sending it through the U.S. mail in time to arrive by November 3,
- Hand-delivering it to the City Clerk's office, or
- Place it into one of the three drop-box locations. (Police Station, Schrom Hills Park and Springhill Lake Recreation Center)

Questions? Call the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000, or send email to banderson@greenbeltnmd.gov.

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Take the first step towards making a positive impact and apply for one of these committee vacancies today!

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ARTS HAPPENINGS

Visit www.greenbeltnmd.gov/arts for more information and many other opportunities!

Sign up for ARTFANS, a weekly e-newsletter, at www.greenbeltnmd.gov/list.aspx.

Art Studio Open House & Sale (An Artful Afternoon). Sunday, October 5, 1-4pm Greenbelt Community Center. 1-4pm: Visit and shop with our Artists in Residence; tour the GATE studio; visit the art gallery; participate in FREE drop-in, all-ages, hands-on art activities with Greenbelt Recreation instructors and guest artists. No registration required: see full list of activities at sugeni.us/ecb4 1:30 - 3pm: see miniature puppet shows. 1:30 - 2pm and 2-2:30pm: learn a flash-mob dance for the Wild Rumpus!

MORE ARTS HAPPENING SOON

- Fall Stitchery** Starting 10/6, 5:30-7:30pm Greenbelt Community Center
- Magic Wand Workshop** (wood carving) 10/11, 9:30am-12:30pm Greenbelt Community Center
- Artful Afternoon** 10/12, sugeni.us/eW6s 1:30-2:30pm Springhill Lake Recreation Center



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HISPANIC HERITAGE AND VOTER ENGAGEMENT EVENT
Friday, October 3, 6:30-8:30pm
Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Discover your power as a voter!

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Come together to honor Hispanic Heritage Month while taking steps towards stronger civic engament.

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Volunteers are needed to assist with event setup and breakdown, greeting guests, engaging with voters, and more.

Contact Tyra Smith at tsmith@greenbeltnmd.gov or fill out our volunteer form: <https://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/FormCenter/General-Forms-4/Voter-Engagement-Outreach-Volunteer-Form-95>

A majority (or quorum) of Greenbelt City Council members may attend community organization meetings, but no official Council action will be taken at these meetings. Please note that meeting locations may change after being published. For information on how to join these meetings, contact the respective organization directly.



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math and science, and since 2013 has worked as an outreach specialist at Goddard Space Flight Center, currently with Science Systems and Applications, Inc. She has lived in Greenbelt since 2015.

Weaver has advocated for reducing Greenbelt’s carbon footprint through electrification of the city fleet and providing for additional public EV charging infrastructure. She is also eager to implement the Save As You Throw by-the-bag pricing, which will incentivize reduced trash generation, saving on tipping fees while promoting environmentally sustainable behaviors. Weaver has served as Greenbelt’s representative on the regional Transportation Planning Board, as well as the National League of Cities’ Transportation and Infrastructure Services committee, and looks to bring that experience to local projects.

Council approved the Buddy Attick Master Plan in May, and next steps are gradual implementation of that plan as well as developing a broader plan to address the disparity in amenities across Greenbelt’s neighborhoods. A start is the 20,000+-square-foot indoor recreation space promised to the city with the Beltway Plaza redevelopment, and eventually the possibility of making the Dora Kennedy building a Greenbelt West community center.

Weaver supports efforts to increase voter engagement, including the recently implemented all-resident voting, and further ideas such as this year’s advisory referendum on ranked choice voting and mailing ballots to all voters in future elections, while still allowing in-person voting.

We face economic and social disruption caused by the haphazard and cruel policies of the current federal administration, which will bring new challenges to Greenbelt and surrounding communities. If re-elected, Weaver will work to enact policies to provide as much support as possible for all our residents. She hopes to continue to be part of bringing neighborhoods together and building a stronger sense of community for all city residents.

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and the Maryland National Guard headquartered in Greenbelt. During his service, he earned multiple certificates and awards for excellence.

Beyond his military service, Coach K has spent more than 15 years working with youth, including 10 years coaching football, basketball and baseball for the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club. He has also mentored young people at Springhill Lake Recreation Center and strongly advocated for the Springhill Lake Recreation Center as a vital part of the community.

Dedicated to strengthening Greenbelt, Coach K has been consistent every Thursday with his Coach K Food Giveaway at Franklin Park, providing support to families and friends experiencing food insecurity. His ongoing service demonstrates his belief in bridging communities through action and compassion.

Faith and service have also been central to his life. For over 20 years, Coach K has been an active member of Capital Temple Ministries in Hyattsville, where he continues to serve and draw inspiration for his work in the community.

Coach K’s lifelong dedication to mentorship, service and community-building drives his commitment to represent Greenbelt with integrity and vision.

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12.5 percent (number of votes divided by number of seats +1).

Elections Board President Steven Gilbert explained that to tabulate votes, the top choices of each voter are compared to this threshold, and if a candidate reaches the threshold, they would be elected. And the cycle continues where the votes are redistributed to the other candidates to determine more winners.

Voter Thoughts

Two residents, Glenda Banks and Lisa L., were not aware that ranked choice voting was a ballot proposition, even though they both plan to vote in the November election. However, Lisa L., a social worker, would vote in favor of ranked choice voting and thinks the idea of it being the norm in Greenbelt is exciting.

“I think ... it’ll be more work for people to organize it on the back end, but I think it’ll be a really nice opportunity for the people,” Lisa said. “It’ll refine the results because people can identify a second candidate or a third, instead of just all or nothing.”

Celieah Barlow, a physical therapy assistant, also likes the idea of ranked choice voting, citing that in local politics a lot of the time people don’t vote or are uninformed of who’s on the ballot.

“Being able to rank ... I think it would at least help get more input as to what the people who are voting are thinking about each of these candidates,” Barlow said.

Another resident, Sandra Roberts, is also in support of ranked choice voting, but is concerned about certain downfalls – like it potentially being difficult to count ballots.

“It would be okay with me to have our city elections [be] ranked choice voting, as an experiment to see how well it works,” Roberts said. “It sounds like it might be complicated, but it might not.”

Voter Education

Steps have already been taken to help Greenbelt residents further understand ranked choice voting. In a June 18 worksession for

the Greenbelt City Council, Shyong put together a presentation for council to understand whether or not it was appropriate for ranked choice voting to be added to the ballot this year. Shyong created her presentation with the hope that residents could also use it as a reference when posted online with the meeting agenda and minutes.

Councilmember Kristen Weaver organized a ranked choice voting demonstration with ice cream flavors at the city council booth at Labor Day Information Day. In a video posted to Facebook, she explains the process, as illustrated by Greenbelters ranking their favorite ice cream flavors.

Weaver collected 64 ballots and found that there were some spoiled ballots, indicating that more community outreach may be necessary.

The results were determined by utilizing a threshold modeled after the city council election, using the 12.5 percent threshold. It was calculated by taking 100 percent divided by the seven city council seats plus one. The number of ballots was multiplied by this threshold to determine the minimum number of votes needed for a flavor to be considered a winner. After each winner was selected, other votes were then redistributed to other flavors to select a new winner in the next round. Ranked choice winners in Weaver’s ice cream election in order of election were: mint chocolate chip, chocolate, mango, cookie dough, coffee, vanilla and rocky road. Results using the current system with the 40 percent threshold would have been: vanilla (75 percent), chocolate (72 percent), coffee, cookie dough and mint chocolate chip all with 64 percent and lemon and rocky road with 61 percent.

“This is a bit of a different system for people to get used to,” Weaver said in the video. If the city decides to adopt this method for future elections, there will be a lot of education and outreach conducted to make sure everyone understands how it works.”

The deadline to register to vote in the upcoming city election is Monday, October 6. All residents who are 16 years of age or older and have lived within the city limits for more than 30 days can vote in the upcoming election. For more on voter registration see the September 18 issue and visit the city’s election webpage at greenbeltmd.gov/175/Election-Information.

Ashna Balroop is a University of Maryland student at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism writing for the Greenbelt News Review.

City Council Election Candidate Forum

The Greenbelt News Review, in partnership with Greenbelt Access Television (GATe), will host a City Council Candidate Forum on Thursday, October 9 at the Greenbelt Firehouse. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the forum will run from 7 to 9 p.m. To date, 9 of this year’s 10 council candidates have confirmed their attendance. The forum is scheduled to be livestreamed by GATe at tinyurl.com/GreenbeltCandidateForum2025.



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 Labor Day Festival Photo Show Winners

Community Favorites:

- 1st Place – Sunrise Tornado Watch/Beltsville Agricultural Research Center by Sharon J. Anderson
- 2nd Place – Sunset Skies & Swim Team Vibes! (GMST Splash Party) by Johanna Moore
- 3rd Place – Sunrise Ascent/Beltsville Agricultural Research Center by Sharon J. Anderson
- 3rd Place – Stand Off by Rosie Weaver
- 4th Place – Night Caller by Lynne Slater
- 2025 Cipriano Award** – Sisters by Brian Archibald

Youth Photo Show (ages 12 & younger)

- Buildings and Architecture**
- 1st Place – With Liberty and Justice by Gracyn Kahn
- Flowers**
- 1st Place – Pink Petals by Skylar Leisnham
- Landscapes, All Other**
- 1st Place – Edges by Dora McKenzie
- 2nd Place – Greenbelt Lake Still by Victoria Lietz
- 3rd Place – Valley of the Ten Peaks by Rio Endozo
- 4th Place – Calm Breeze by Karissa Zevallos
- People, Photos of Children**
- 1st Place – Young Child by Elizabeth Archibald
- Pets**
- 1st Place – Moose by Bennett Cooper
- 2nd Place – Just Kid-ing Around by Skylar Leisnham
- Still Life/Pictorial/Abstract**
- 1st Place – Fireworks at the Lake by Bennett Cooper
- Wild Animals and Nature**
- 1st Place – Alvin the Ground Squirrel by Rio Endozo
- 1st Place – Morning in Maine by Maren O’Roark
- 2nd Place – House for the Fairies by Maren O’Roark
- 3rd Place – Capybara by Gracyn Kahn
- 4th Place – Crossing the Bow River by Takeo Endozo

Adult and Teens Photo Show (ages 13 & older)

- Buildings and Architecture**
- 1st Place – Tour Eiffel by Michael Miller
- 2nd Place – Facility by Jonathan Rytting
- 3rd Place – Red Covered Bridge by Mathew Swanson
- 4th Place – Come to the Church in the Wild Wood by Eva Choper
- 4th Place – Albrecht Dürer’s House by Manuela Fortenberry Dürer
- Extreme Weather**
- 1st Place – Between Storms by Theresa Rideout
- 2nd Place – The Snowy Day by Christine Doran
- 3rd Place – Roar by Ginger Archibald
- Flowers**
- 1st Place – Bursting Milkweed by Joanne Heintzelman
- 2nd Place – Do You See Symmetry? by Johanna Moore
- 3rd Place – Sun Flower by Dave Heintzelman
- 4th Place – Butterflies in Bloom by Kathryn Beard
- Greener Living in Greenbelt**
- 1st Place – Summer Visitor by Christine Nickel
- 2nd Place – Somewhere City by Alaska Heintzelman
- 3rd Place – Twilight Troubadour at Firefly Sanctuary by Ian Rogers
- 4th Place – Blossom Steps by Vivian Nickel



Fourth place Community Favorite, Night Caller by Lynne Slater

- Photos by Keith Zevallos



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First place Community Favorite, Sunrise Tornado Watch/Beltsville Agricultural Research Center by Sharon J. Anderson



Second place Community Favorite, Sunset Skies and Swim Team Vibes! (GMST Splash Party) by Johanna Moore



Third place Community Favorite, Sunrise Ascent/Beltsville Agricultural Research Center by Sharon Anderson



Third place Community Favorite, Stand Off by Rosie Weaver

- Landscapes, All Other**
- 1st Place – Happy Camper by Samantha Villanueva
- 2nd Place – Matanuska Glacier, Glacier View, Alaska by Isabel Martin
- 3rd Place – Winter at St. Stephen’s by Mathew Swanson
- 4th Place – Harpers Ferry - 2025 by Manuela Fortenberry
- Landscapes, Sunrise/ Sunset**
- 1st Place – Sunrise Tornado Watch/Beltsville Agricultural Research Center by Sharon J. Anderson
- 2nd Place – Goodnight Chincoteague by Ed Crowley
- 3rd Place – Sunrise Ascent/Beltsville Agricultural Research Center by Sharon J. Anderson
- 4th Place – Sunset, Smith Island, Md. by Steve Skolnik
- Memories in Greenbelt**
- 1st Place – Festival on the Window by Brian Archibald
- 2nd Place – Tranquility by Chris Endozo
- 3rd Place – Sunset Skies & Swim Team Vibes! (GMST Splash Party) by Johanna Moore
- 4th Place – Snowy Night by Max Leisnham
- Photos, Adults and Families**
- 1st Place – The Visit by Dale Holmes
- 2nd Place – Pirate Queen by Dale Holmes
- 3rd Place – Muscle Car by Ryan Hess
- 4th Place – Whatever It Takes by Alaska Heintzelman
- People, Photos of Children**
- 1st Place – Yum by Ginger Archibald
- 2nd Place – Stump Kid by Ellie Rinehart
- 3rd Place – Sisters by Brian Archibald
- 4th Place – MoCo Fair Friend by Lizzy Ezzell
- Pets**
- 1st Place – MUSH! By Kenny Savercool
- 2nd Place – Sir Is Very Concerned About Your Choices by Rich Renomeron
- 3rd Place – Raven in Chincoteague by Abby Crowley
- 4th Place – Stand Off by Rosie Weaver
- Produced in a Dark Room**
- 1st Place – Two Barns by Nick Hall NH
- Still Life/Pictorial/Abstract**
- 1st Place – Coffee Tastes Better Outdoors at Dawn by Ian Rogers
- 2nd Place – NOLA Market Stall 2 by Steve Skolnik
- 3rd Place – Mossy Fall by Jose Tillard
- 4th Place – The Other Sandman by Jose Tillard
- Those Who Serve and Protect Us**
- 1st Place – Omaha Beach by Ed Crowley
- 2nd Place – Pride in Service by Ryan Hess
- 3rd Place – 2024 Labor Day Parade by Flory Lietz
- 4th Place – Serving on a Sub by Becky Kahn
- Travel**
- 1st Place – Slovenian Sunset by Vicki Cheeseman
- 2nd Place – Savanna in Sydney by Max Leisnham
- 3rd Place – Rambler by Lena Kahn
- 4th Place – Skyride at the Stamped by Samantha Villanueva
- Wild Animals and Nature**
- 1st Place – Tree Top Majesty - Greenbelt Lake (Blue Heron) by Skip Ellis
- 2nd Place – Eastern Pond Hawk by Sean Kendall
- 3rd Place – Hello There by Theresa Henderson
- 4th Place – Eastern Box Turtle by Sean Kendall
- 4th Place – Sharing is Caring by Flory Lietz



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September Round-Up Group:

Greenbelt Arts Center

Beating the Drums for Breast Cancer Awareness Fills Center

by Geraldine Adams



Part of the large group that came together for the Let's Beat Breast Cancer Rally on September 13

What do Drumming for Wellness, D.C. Warrior's Drumline and Ruff Ridaz all have in common? These talented musicians, along with breast cancer survivors and supporters, teamed up to make some noise Saturday, September 13 at the Let's Beat Breast Cancer Rally in Greenbelt's Roosevelt Center. Attendees were welcomed by Mayor Emmett Jordan, who proclaimed September 13 Let's Beat Breast Cancer Day. A second warm welcome was delivered by former mayor J Davis, who shared a heartwarming message and her encouragement as a breast cancer survivor. She talked about how options to prevent and treat breast cancer have improved compared to 40 years ago when she had two extensive surgeries in a short time. The National Cancer Institute reports that one in eight women born in the U.S. today will develop breast cancer, and, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Black women have a disproportionately high breast cancer death rate.

Studies show that eating vegetables, fruits and soy products, as well as increased fiber intake, are associated with reduced risk of post-menopausal breast cancer. In addition, the National Cancer Institute, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, American Institute for Cancer Research and other authorities have determined that individuals may reduce their risk of breast cancer incidence and/or mortality by maintaining a healthy body weight, limiting alcohol intake and having regular physical activity.

The rally was action-packed, with Katy Gaughan of Greenbelt and Drumming for Wellness delivering their magical drum beats. Before long everyone was led in a chant of the campaign's four-pronged approach. Eat Plants, drum, drum – Exercise, drum, drum – Limit alcohol, drum, drum – Maintain a healthy weight – drum drum! Webster Phillips and the D.C. Warriors were next on stage with their eye-catching blue, white and black uniforms. The young drummers delighted the crowd with their lively drum performance along with an accompanying girls dance group to boot.

Special guest eight-year breast cancer survivor Jenny Lazaro told her poignant story of reclaiming her health. After breast cancer surgery, Lazaro adopted a plant-

based lifestyle and hasn't looked back. Her husband and family jumped right in and also started plant-based eating. Lazaro now assists as a sous chef with her husband Geraldo, a Certified Food for Life Instructor who teaches in both English and Spanish. Food for Life is a nutrition education program created by the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine that teaches plant-based eating to help prevent and reverse chronic diseases.

The crowd also heard an uplifting message and prudent reminder about mammograms from Dr. Regina Hampton, breast surgeon at Luminis Doctors Hospital. Hampton shared her hope that all new breast cancers are "found early, at stage zero or stage one." Finding a breast cancer that early makes treatment much simpler and now comes with excellent survival rates. She also did a big shout-out for people with cancer to "fully live their lives" and encouraged everyone to adopt the four-pronged approach.

The last musical performance was by George Wilkins and the talented Ruff Ridaz Performance Percussion Squad from Washington, D.C. The drummers played their music as they moved about the stage captivating the crowd, who showed their delight with a big round of applause.

Rally organizer Geraldine Adams, RN, invited everyone to visit the resource tables with breast cancer and lifestyle information from the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, the rally sponsor. The Physicians Committee is a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit health, research and advocacy organization dedicated to advancing human and animal health, and educating the public about the benefits of plant-based nutrition. Founder and President Neal Barnard, M.D., in collaboration with breast surgeon and author Dr. Kristi Funk developed the Let's Beat Breast Cancer campaign.

Other groups represented included Food for Life, CHEARS Three Sisters Gardens, Greenbelt Recreation, Greenbelt Grows and Hope Connections. The day concluded with a delicious lunch prepared especially for Let's Beat Breast Cancer Day. Chef Alisa Plaza of Sunrise Caribbean Restaurant cooked up a delicious crowd-pleasing vegan stir-fry. To make it even sweeter, Mel Butz, from Sticky Fingers Sweets and Eats in Washington, D.C. (near Takoma Park Metro), shared free samples of her delicious cookies and brownies.

In addition to organizing the rally, Adams is teaching a free Breast Cancer Nutrition and Cooking four-class series at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Those wanting to eat a healthier diet are also welcome to attend. Cooking demonstrations and tastings are part of each class. The program began on Friday, September 19 at noon and will conclude on October 22. Email Priya Gardner at pgardner@greenbeltmd.org. They hope to keep sharing this empowering and lifesaving message to help women reduce their risk of developing breast cancer.

GAC's Newest Offering: James Gordon's Smashing the Oligarchy

by Greg Young

A Canadian storm is brewing in the north and is predicted to arrive in the Greenbelt area on Monday, October 13. But you won't need a raincoat or umbrella for this storm. The Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) is hosting James Gordon for the premier Maryland performance of his one-man musical, Smashing the Oligarchy. It's said to be filled with insights, humor, visual images and some grim reality observations and, when combined, becomes a musical handbook for surviving the suicide of democracy and saving the planet at the same time (his words).



James Gordon

had a part-time side hustle as a Guelph City Councillor (similar to a city councilmember in the U.S.). In summary, he has been there and done that. It's only one night, so don't miss it. Tickets are required. For more information visit greenbeltartscenter.org.

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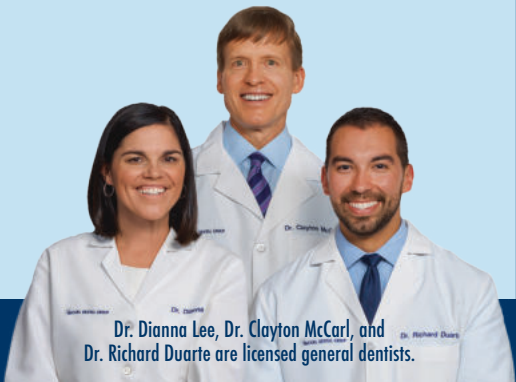
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Meeting in Richmond for a Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians degree ceremony, Marti Galvin, left, and Donna Peterson stopped by the Virginia State House for a picture.



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PHOTO BY JESSICA FAIRBANKS TOUR GUIDE

Isabel Martin traveled to Alaska this summer and brought the News Review inside the Arctic Circle.



PHOTO BY ADAM LEE

Julia, Sarah and Adam Lee at the top of the Empire State Building in New York City

Renée Cooper visited her mother in July and brought the News Review once again to the town she grew up in: Vienna, Austria. St. Stephan's Cathedral is in the background.



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boundary maps that the city needs before it can draft an annexation resolution. These documents will formally define which parcels could fall under city jurisdiction and outline the groundwork for later steps, such as public notices and hearings. Council approved contracts for the first two areas at a combined cost of about \$36,000.

Purpose, Impact

“It’s about protecting the Green Belt. It’s about protecting the green space, and it’s what we can do,” Mayor Emmett Jordan said, referring to a long-held community desire to protect the green space north of the city. He added that although the city does not have zoning or land-use authority over federal property, annexation would give Greenbelt “a seat at the table” and a chance to weigh in if the land’s ownership ever changed.

Jordan and city staff emphasized that annexation would not transfer ownership. “Annexation simply brings the property into the municipal corporate limits of the city,” City Manager Josué Salmerón said. He explained that while the land would remain federally owned, a change in ownership would make it subject to city codes and local regulations.

Supporters on council say the move could strengthen Greenbelt’s voice in future land-use discussions involving nearby federal properties. They note that the BARC and Goddard campuses are among the largest undeveloped tracts next to the city, and argue that any change in their status could significantly shape how the surrounding area develops.

Development vs. Preservation

Councilmember Rodney Roberts cast the lone no vote and delivered a lengthy critique, arguing annexing portions of the city and neighboring jurisdictions aims

to facilitate development instead of preservation. Roberts also objected to spending money on consultants. “We are a city that is facing multimillion-dollar budget deficits ... we need to get our fiscal house in order,” he said.

“This is not about land preservation,” Roberts said. “This is going to make it easier for developers to develop BARC. College Park and others want to annex large portions of BARC for tax revenue. I want it preserved, and that’s why I’m voting against this.” On September 9, the City of College Park held a work session on annexation options for that city, and on September 11, it published a series of annexation options for the city, including one potential annexation option closely aligned to the area Greenbelt is considering.

Several councilmembers pushed back on the suggestion from resident Michael Hartman that the city’s influence would be negligible even after annexation. They cited recent examples inside city limits where, despite county control of zoning, Greenbelt shaped major projects, including commitments for indoor recreation space at Beltway Plaza and design elements at Greenbelt Station.

Responding to resident and current city council candidate Bill Orleans’ objections to pushing through a second reading without public comment, Jordan said, “Greenbelt has learned the hard way in discussing potential annexation.” Neighboring municipalities also have aspirations for annexation. There will be “plenty of opportunities for the public to weigh in,” in the process, said Jordan.

Next Steps

Staff outlined a multistep process that must occur before any annexation can move forward. The first step is completing de-

tailed land surveys and legal descriptions for Areas 1 and 2 – work that Salmerón said will take three to four months. Those documents are required before the city can draft an annexation resolution and begin the formal approval process.

Once a draft resolution is prepared, the city would need to issue formal public notices and release a municipal services and fiscal impact plan as required by state law. At least one public hearing would follow, and residents would retain the right to petition against the proposal.

City officials stressed that these next steps are procedural and do not commit Greenbelt to annexation. Instead, they represent the legal framework the city must complete before the council could vote on whether to incorporate any of the federal land into its boundaries.

Supporting councilmembers framed Monday’s votes as positioning rather than a done deal. “It puts us in a position where we can take action,” Jordan said. “But it’s not actually doing the annexation. It’s preparing everything, so we’re in position to do something quickly, if it’s the council and the public’s will.”

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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred September 22-28, 2025. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an inquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltmd.gov. Times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Incident Summary

Greenbelt Police reported two domestic incidents, one sexual assault and four mental health diversions, one involving a missing person. On September 28, a missing teenage boy was located safely. On September 26, two people were sitting in a vehicle in a parking lot after hours; they were sent away.

Gun Arrest

On September 24 at 11:29 p.m. near Southway and Greenbelt Road, an officer on duty observed a single vehicle accident. The driver told the officer that he had an illegal firearm in the vehicle. The firearm was recovered and the driver was arrested and taken to Upper Marlboro Department of Corrections.

Robbery

On September 27 at 4:12 p.m. near 6107 Breezewood Court, a man was walking home when he was approached by a group of juveniles. They took his shoes but did not assault him.

Assault

On September 23 at 8:33 p.m. near 5707 Cherrywood Lane, a man who had been smoking controlled dangerous substances told officers that he had been struck in the head by someone. He refused any medical care, became uncooperative with officers and walked away.

Road Rage

On September 22 at 6:48 p.m. near Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road, one person got out of their vehicle and kicked another vehicle's door.

Disorderly

On September 27 at 7:02 p.m. near 9228 Edmonston Road, the front entryway door lock was damaged, and one of the residents was threatened by someone who left before police arrived.

Fraud

On September 24 at 8:53 a.m. near 7573 Greenbelt Road, an employee called in to report a skimming device found on a register; near 6400 Ivy Lane, a line of credit was opened up in a man's name.

Theft and Shoplifting

On September 22 at 8:35 a.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man known for shoplifting was arrested for entering a store after previously being arrested and

banned. He was recorded on video removing his clothing and putting on new clothing from the store. He was taken to the Department of Corrections.

On September 23 at 4:22 p.m. near 7583 Greenbelt Road, two women stole merchandise.

On September 24 at 1:13 p.m. near 6301 Ivy Lane, when some staff left for lunch, the doors were left unsecured because other staff members were in the back. Upon returning, a laptop was missing from a desk located near the exit.

On September 27 at 5:33 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a woman was arrested for stealing merchandise; at 3:50 p.m. near 7495 Greenbelt Road, a man stole a pair of shoes and fled in a black SUV.

On September 27 at 4:11 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a man purchasing a phone from someone he didn't know gave the man the money but the man ran off without giving him the phone.

On September 28 at 4:55 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a girl was taken into custody for stealing merchandise. All items were returned, and she was released to a parent.

Vandalism

On September 22 near Ivy Lane and Ridge Road, the bus stop bench was spray-painted to depict male genitalia; near 141 Westway, the front entrance door to an apartment was vandalized.

On September 26, a Public Works employee reported that a sign was knocked down at the intersection of Hanover Parkway and Green Manor Place.

Vehicle Crimes Theft from Auto

Rear windows were smashed and airbags were stolen from six Hondas: on September 25, near 9100 Springhill Lane, from a Pilot, an Accord and a Civic, and near 5800 Cherrywood Lane from a 2025 Civic; on September 26 near 8001 Lakecrest Drive from a 2019 Accord; and on September 28 near 200 Lakeside Drive from a 2016 Honda.

On September 26 near Prince James Way and Vanity Fair Drive, a 2021 Honda Civic was broken into and property was stolen.

On September 28 near 6400

Ivy Lane, a Honda Accord was found missing all four wheels.

Vehicle Tampering

On September 26 at 12:41 a.m. near 5807 Cherrywood Lane, a witness saw three men wearing all black clothing tampering with the exterior lock box of a tow truck.

Vandalism to Auto

On September 26 near 5912 Cherrywood Terrace, the rear window on a Jeep Cherokee was broken; near 7819 Mandan Road, a 2019 Chevy Impala was found damaged.

On September 27 at 10:17 a.m. near 5807 Cherrywood Lane, someone threw a rock at a 2019 Honda CR-V, damaging the windshield.

Greenbelt Man Charged With Assaulting Officers

On September 24, a National Security Agency (NSA) police officer, stationed at a checkpoint, observed a vehicle approach the NSA campus in Fort Meade and drive through the checkpoint without presenting the appropriate credentials required to enter the protected property. According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Maryland, the vehicle was operated by 23-year-old Amir Phillip Wilson of Greenbelt.

Eventually, law enforcement attempted to stop Wilson, but he accelerated to upward of 40 to 50 miles an hour in an attempt to evade the officers, said the U.S. Attorney's Office. During the pursuit, Wilson's vehicle struck two marked NSA police vehicles

responding to the scene, injuring one of the officers, it reports. Upon hitting the second police vehicle at a high rate of speed, Wilson's vehicle careened into a concrete retaining wall, where it came to a stop, said the U.S. Attorney's Office. Law enforcement then took Wilson into custody.

Wilson is now charged with assaulting federal law enforcement officers and was scheduled to appear for a detention hearing on Wednesday, October 1. Previous Maryland court records list Wilson's address as Springhill Lane, Greenbelt.

This report draws on a press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Maryland.



Annual Basketball Match at SHLRC

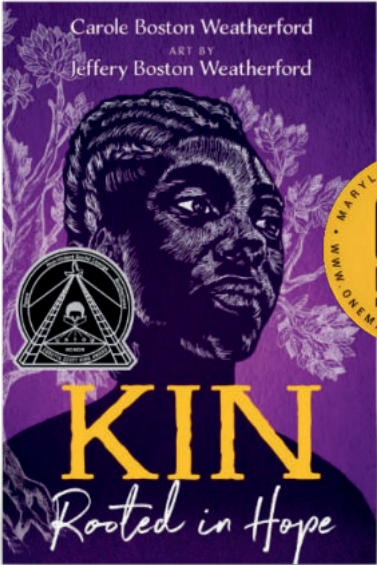


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On Friday, September 26, officers from the Greenbelt Police Department joined children and youths at Springhill Lake Recreation Center for their annual friendly but competitive game of basketball. They also faced off for some dodgeball. The police department won the basketball match and fun was had by all. This year, for the first time the officers and kids enjoyed burgers and hot dogs together after the games.

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From left, Tim Uber and Michelle Kadziel-Uber visit former Greenbelter Linda Guttman in Florida.

Charles Niedner displays the News Review on the Royal Mile in Edinburgh, Scotland.



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Information Day Offers Something for Everyone



by Joan Estenson

There is always so much to do at the Labor Day Festival, all happening at once so that no one can possibly do everything. For anyone who missed the Festival's Saturday Information Day booths, here is a brief description of some of the 54 organizations that participated. Religious and commercial booths were intentionally omitted here.

Each booth had such ardent volunteers and supporters that it was sometimes hard to move on to the next. No surprise to Greenbelters – either there were many honorary Greenbelters at work or the volunteer spirit rubbed off on visitors.

I visited these social and activist groups before going on duty myself in the News Review booth.

At NASA Needs Help, an anonymous Goddard engineer and Kyle Helson said the agency is not just about space. Data from their science research “is shared within 24 to 48 hours of availability,” something that wouldn’t happen that fast, or at all, if produced by a corporation. They urged calling Congress to support



recycling rate from 25 to 90 percent. The bill would enable bringing recyclable glass, plastic and aluminum containers to stores with reverse vending machines and get the deposit back, or continue to recycle curbside.

Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN) Central Maryland Coordinator Beth Landry said “there is nothing else if you have no place to exist.” The organization is

working on legislation for education on building electrification.

Liquin Cao and Jessica Fomalont said the goal of United Poultry Concerns is to ensure respect and compassionate treatment of poultry and domestic birds.

At Moms Demand Action, Rachel Alexander and Edith Beauchamp said the organization supports restricted access to and safe storage of guns and learning how to ask questions about guns, such as when a child visits a friend's house.

Jill Vanderweit of Greenbelt Toastmasters said the benefits of membership are surprising. The See **INFO DAY**, page 13



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speaking and leadership skills they teach “helped me climb the corporate ladder and even after retirement have kept me involved with people.”

Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) Executive Director Sheila Tilert said GATE is “an incredibly useful and local video production and animation educational resource.” She was promoting the upcoming city council candidate forum, co-sponsored with the News Review, and the 21st Utopia Film Festival October 18 to 20, showing 39 films by filmmakers from near and far, including Greenbelt, China and Iran.

NARHAMS Model Rocket Club is for students in sixth grade and above, to learn how to launch rockets at the Goddard Visitor Center. Allan Williams, club vice president, said this “is the safest outdoor sport. It’s safer than chess. It’s not only about how to build a rocket but how to trust yourself.”

Indivisible Route 1 Corridor was gathering signatures for a petition urging the Maryland General Assembly to ban law enforcement agencies from wearing masks. Besides the masks’ totalitarian implications, people wearing masks are claiming to be from ICE in order to rob and abuse people.

To stay up to date on actions and events of the Greenbelt Resistance Network, download the Signal app and join the organization on Signal. Autumn X said President Trump’s inauguration was the impetus for organizing to share information, plan marches and rallies, talk with the city council and write letters. X said the network “allows people to stay connected with other people in the area.”

Lois Rosado, chair of the Greenbelt Reparations Commission, said their recommendations to the city council for reparations to African Americans and Indigenous peoples would be ready by the end of the year. Rosado said the commission is trying to get an “honest and historical picture of Greenbelt.”

Jennifer Dudley, Greenbelt Rotary Club president, and Stacy Stewart said the local club sponsors Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizen each year, the Pumpkin Festival and the Peace Day celebration, among other service projects. Their newest is the Driver Education Program, which provides resources people need in order to obtain a driver’s license. Meetings are at 8 a.m. Thursday mornings at IHOP in Greenway Center.

The Jim Cassels Community Service Award is a \$1,500 annual grant from the Co-op Supermar-



An organization to save BARC engages passersby at Information Day on Saturday, August 30.

- Photos by Anna Bedford-Dillow



Greenbelt Access Television at the Festival's Information Day on Saturday, August 30

ket and Pharmacy to “a group, organization or cooperative to initiate and implement a new project or activity in Greenbelt” that benefits the community, according to the Co-op website.

The GHI Membership Engagement Committee is re-establishing the Court Liaison program and recruiting volunteers. Court Liaisons facilitate communication, encourage cooperative spirit and community, and help coordinate activities within a court or group of courts.

The Greenbelt Community

Orchestra was founded in 2023. Viola players Iris Nunn and Helen Sydavar said the orchestra plays a variety of musical styles, including music by less well-known composers. The orchestra can use more string players, especially bass, and a tuba. The next concert is November 16.

Angie Gordon volunteers with Friends of the Greenbelt Library (FoGL) because she loves books. FoGL sells used library and donated books in Novel Endings behind the children’s book area. The money is used for things the

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county doesn’t provide, and for local organizations such as The SPACE: Free Art for All. They are sponsoring a program on Kin: Rooted in Hope, the 2025 One Maryland One Book, at the New Deal Café on Sunday, October 12.

Donna Lockner, volunteer coordinator for the Greenbelt Makerspace Tool Library, said it “isn’t just tools” like hammers and saws, but kitchen equipment, sewing machines, gardening tools, a canopy and more that are available for members to borrow.

Information Day provided not only learning, but also giveaways like notepads, pens, pencils, pins, bags and other goodies. Definitely worth the time, even when there are so too many other things to see and do at the Festival.

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Cleanup at Greenbelt Lake Is An All-around Success

by Nick Hall NH

September 27 was National Public Lands Day, and Greenbelt's Public Works Crew and Park Rangers celebrated by hosting a volunteer day to clean up Greenbelt Lake. Several residents had noticed an increase in trash at the lake, including a big blue mylar balloon, so the event came at just the right time. There were well over 20 volunteers and rangers who came to participate. Some picked up trash along the edge of the lake, others pulled weeds and several volunteers even took to the lake on kayaks to reach the trash stuck in the water. There were many tennis balls, as well as plastic and glass bottles. To volunteer, visit the city's website at greenbeltmd.gov to see a list of upcoming events.

- Photos by Nick Hall NH



Mara Hemminger cleans up the most egregious piece of litter: balloons that had been upsetting both wildlife and visitors.



A turtle looks on as the volunteers help clean up its home.

At left, a volunteer picks up an old bottle littering the edge of the lake.

Senior Nutrition Program Luncheon

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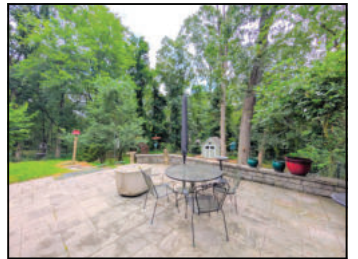
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Greenbelt Recognizes Peace Day

by Erica Johns

Greenbelters and other local residents held three events September 20 and 21 recognizing September 21's United Nations International Day of Peace. The events contained unexpected cross-connections.

Rotary Peace Day Event

The Greenbelt Rotary Club hosted speakers from local Rotary clubs and faith communities at Buddy Attick Park on Saturday, September 20. Building peace is at the core of the Rotary's humanitarian mission to address root causes of conflict, including disease, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, education and literacy, economic development and protecting the environment.

Farinaz Firouzi of the Greenbelt Bahá'í Community described the Bahá'í belief that peace is built on individual spiritual foundations, not government actions. External conflicts reflect inner turmoil and prejudices, while purifying inner hearts and thoughts builds external peace. She said peace is a continuous process of listening with an open heart, seeing the world with compassion, propagating kindness and building justice and unity for one human family, not for competing groups. She described opposing thoughts of war with stronger thoughts of peace, destroying thoughts of hatred with more powerful thoughts of love and believing we can change the structure of our society from the ground up.

Poet and Rockville Rotary Club president Ukpeme Akpan Okon read a poem expressing that small and large actions add up to make peace possible. Noting small waves rippling across Greenbelt Lake, she described individual and collective acts of kindness and respectfulness to ourselves, families, friends and coworkers propagating peace outward.

Joe Parks of Soka Gakkai International Buddhism read his poem based on the Buddhist principle that "evil is that which provokes good, so when great evil has swept through the land, great good will surely follow." "And so, we the people will always prevail simply whenever we refuse the lies ... All that we must do is to remain true to each other and refuse to repeat the lies, and eventually, everyone including the politicians, will become wise."

Chuck Woolery of Rockville Rotary distilled his message to 10 words: "Keep people and nature healthy" and "Don't believe everything you think." He said, "It's not about governments, it's about us," and "It's not 'America First' but 'We the People First,' our inalienable rights, because taking care of nature and of people will get us on the path to peace."

Nelson Gibson, advisor to the Rotary-chartered Boy Scouts of America co-ed Greenbelt Venture Crew 764, said that in teaching scouts how to prepare for life, two of the Scout Law's 12 points relate to peace: being courteous and kind.

After Greenbelt Rotary President Jennifer Dudley invited attendees to visit the Greenbelt Rotary Club meeting Thursdays at 8 a.m. at the Greenway Center IHOP restaurant, participants engaged in a short dance party before the afternoon's downpour.

Peace Around the World

At 3 p.m. Saturday, at a



PHOTO BY KYLA HANINGTON

Melissa Sites opens World Peace Day celebrations at Buddy Attick Park with the national anthem.



PHOTO BY ERICA JOHNS

On Sunday, September 21, Greenbelt participated in the worldwide Sing for Unity initiative to sing and create a worldwide "soundwave of hope" to promote peace, community, and equality. The event included 20 countries, 176 cities, 183 groups and over 10,000 people singing at 2 p.m. local time.

monthly Community Gathering hosted by the Greenbelt Bahá'í Community and Greenbelt Rotary, participants seated in a circle offered their thoughts on peace, indoors at the Community Center during the downpour.

Bill Orleans said Woolery's suggestion to not believe what we think, reminded him to reflect more on why we believe what we think we believe. He said since we tend to believe that what we think is the way things should be, being kind isn't enough. We need to question ourselves and others to achieve deeper understanding, he said.

After the next speaker acknowledged the challenge in being open to perspectives they don't agree with, Lucy Silver suggested that attaining peace doesn't require agreeing with someone with different ideas. "Before trying to convince them to agree with what I agree with, we should step back to what we agree everyone should have: to feel safe, feel fulfilled, to have a home, be able to raise children and feel joy. Then you can start talking with that person to build a relationship. Then you can foster some kind of respect, and maybe once you have their respect, you can ask them about A, B, C, D that you believe – 'tell me more about that so I can understand why you believe that?' And then maybe they ask you the same question. That's what I feel we can do to advance world peace."

Sing For Unity

On Sunday, September 21, Roosevelt Center was one location in the worldwide Sing for

Unity initiative, promoting peace, community and equality by encouraging people to sing together at 2 p.m. in their local time. This global event included 20 countries, 176 cities, 183 choirs or events and over 10,000 people gathering to sing and create a worldwide "soundwave of hope."

Organizer Amy Murray-Kraft opened the Greenbelt event by saying "Together we can raise our voices to promote unity, community and peace across the globe. It is our sincere hope that this event will not only lift your spirits, but inspire you to act in meaningful ways to spread peace whenever and wherever you can."

Greenbelt Peace and Justice Singers, with the Rapid Response Choir, performed 13 songs, accompanied by the audience. According to its website, the Rapid Response Choir of Maryland and Washington, D.C. formed in early 2025 to sing for truth, justice and democracy.

Songs came from composers as diverse as Pete Seeger (If I Had a Hammer) to Danish choir director and Sing for Unity founder Vibe Ulbrandt (Sing for Unity) to South African Bishop Desmond Tutu (Goodness Is Stronger than Evil). Ann Dunn told the News Review she came "Because I don't want to feel alone and this music helps me feel not alone."

Participants at all three events demonstrated this year's International Day of Peace theme Act Now for a Peaceful World, in support of which the U.N. encourages "Let[ting] our actions for peace resonate louder than words."



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Retired United Church of Christ minister Daniel Hamlin offers an invocation for World Peace Day in Greenbelt.



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A peace vigil in honor of Peace Month was held on September 14 at Roosevelt Center.



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On Saturday, September 20, participants shared their personal thoughts on peace at a monthly community gathering hosted by the Greenbelt Bahá'í Community and the Greenbelt Rotary Club at the Community Center.



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On Saturday night, August 30, at the Labor Day Festival, Flo Anito and Bay Jazz Project, featuring Seth Kibel, one of the mid-Atlantic's premier woodwind specialists, inspire the newest generation of dancers.